

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hydraulic transmission apparatus with a lockup clutch has a pump impeller, a turbine runner, a side cover, a lockup clutch, 5 a clutch piston, a lockup control unit, a frictional engagement unit and a resilient member, a backward movement stopping unit, wherein a transmission capacity of the lockup clutch by virtue of a biasing force of the resilient member is set smaller than a torque absorption capacity of the pump impeller when the engine 10 is in an idle state so that the clutch piston is held at the predetermined backward position by virtue of the pressure difference when the engine is in the idle state.